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Sadat's ratings down in Israel

TEL AVIV, May 9 (R). — A public opinion poll indicated today that far fewer Israelis believe Egypt is interested in reaching a Middle East agreement compared with last November when President Anwar Sadat launched his peace initiative. The Public Opinion Research Institute (PORI) asked: "Do you believe Egyptian President Sadat wants to reach a genuine peace agreement with Israel?" Only 51 per cent of those questioned answered affirmatively, compared with more than 80 per cent who believed so in November. More than 32 per cent said this time they felt President Sadat does not want to reach an agreement compared with ten per cent questioned previously.

Rhodesia's rulers reject plea to restore black minister to post

LISBURY, May 9 (R). — Rhodesia's ruling Executive Council said tonight it would not reverse its dismissal of controversial black Co-Minister for Justice Byron Love. A statement issued after an all-day meeting said Bishop Abel Muzorewa, regarded as the most powerful of the three black members of the Council, reserved his position on the issue. The bishop's United African National Council (UANC) had earlier threatened to withdraw from the multiracial interim government unless Mr. Love was reinstated.

King of Israel's ambitions

AMMAN, May 9 (R). — King Hussein has said that there are no indications that Israel wants peace in the Middle East and charged that it was aiming to change realities in the East Bank.

dressing the Fifth Mechanized division outside Amman yesterday, the King said that Jordan which stood on the longest and most dangerous line of confrontation with Israel, wanted a just and honourable peace, but would not abandon a single inch of land nor forfeit Arab rights.

the speech published today, the Jordanian monarch also said that "the chain of Jordanian mountains from the Jarmouk river (in the North) to the port of Aqaba have limited depth. Behind them the road to the Arab heartland and Arab wealth is open."

Target

said that Jordan "which has been included in the Balfour Declaration (which promised the Jews a national home in Palestine) is a target of Zionist ambitions and no one knows what are the exact orders of the Israeli map."

he warned that Jordan and the Arab lands behind it were not without people and they will never be reached so long as we live."

the Palestine issue King Hussein said the question was not that of Palestinians living on the East Bank. "The issue is their right to live in their own territory in Palestine."

Ve should endure, fight and sacrifice martyrdom until this Palestinian gains his rights in his own land," the King said.

ng Hussein stressed the need for joint Arab action as "responsibilities make it imperative for us to face the unlimited Israeli challenge and ambitions."

Crown Prince meets King of Morocco

22, Morocco, May 9 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today met with King Hassan of Morocco at the royal palace here. Talks between them centered on increasing economic cooperation between Jordan and Morocco.

Mauritanian President expected here

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — Mauritanian President Moktar Ould Daddah is expected to arrive in Amman Wednesday for a three day visit to Jordan. An official source said here today. During the visit the president will hold talks with His Majesty King Hussein on bilateral relations. Arab issues and ways of cooperation between Mauritania and Jordan.

Italy shocked as Aldo Moro assassinated by Red Brigades

ROME, May 9 (R). — Italian statesman Aldo Moro, kidnapped by the far-left Red Brigades, was found shot dead today in the back of a car parked near the Rome headquarters of his own Christian Democratic Party.

It was the first time that a politician of Mr. Moro's eminence had been abducted and murdered by urban guerrillas in any country.

Police said he had been shot at least four times in the chest. He was unshaven and had apparently been dead for several days, one eyewitness reported.

5 times premier

The body of Mr. Moro, who served five times as Italy's prime minister, was dumped contemptuously close to the Christian Democratic and Communist Party headquarters in the heart of Rome.

All over Italy, flags flew at half mast and workers downed tools to protest against the murder of the 61-year-old statesman.

Trade Union leaders, many of them communists, convened

mass demonstrations to oppose the Red Brigades... who call themselves a "fighting communist organisation" dedicated to the overthrow of the Italian state.

The Brigades, who kidnapped Mr. Moro and killed five of his bodyguards on March 16, exacted their death penalty after the Italian government refused demands to release jailed guerrillas in exchange for his life.

The guerrillas rejected an emotional appeal "on my knees" from Pope Paul and calls from U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim not to kill the Italian leader.

A Vatican spokesman said 80-year-old Pope Paul "could not find words for his consternation" and went to his private chapel to pray.

People's trial

The guerrillas killed the ex-premier after subjecting him to what they called a people's trial in a people's jail -- the hideout which thousands of Italian police tried in vain for 54 days to discover.

Mr. Moro was found "gull-

ty" of exploiting the Italian proletariat during more than two decades of political power and was sentenced to death.

The guerrillas said they would free him if the government liberated the 13 detained extremists -- including Red Brigades founder Renato Curcio -- but would kill him if the government refused.

Last Friday the Brigades said they were going to carry out a "death sentence" on the five times former premier, but as silence followed one week-end there had been widespread speculation among police and other investigators that they were unwilling to carry out their threat and turn the president of the ruling Christian Democratic Party into a martyr.

Mourning

The killing is certain to plunge Italy into a long period of mourning.

Only hours before news of the discovery of the body was announced police source said: "If they kill him every town in Italy will have a squ-

are renamed "Aldo Moro square."

Body blessed

The first tip on the discovery of the body came from an anonymous telephone call to police headquarters warning that a bomb had been placed under the car in Via Caetani. Police immediately rushed to investigate.

Mr. Moro's body was taken briefly to the Church of Jesus nearby and blessed by a Jesuit priest.

At the presidential palace a spokesman said head of state Giovanni Leone would address the nation later today.

And at the Christian Democratic headquarters party leaders, including premier Giulio Andreotti stood in shocked silence after hearing the news.

Throughout Rome people were stunned by the news. Members of parliament were weeping as they entered Christian Democratic headquarters. In parliament, Communist Giuseppe D'Alema said: "The Red Brigades are more brutal than the Nazi SS" and Republican Antonio Del Pennino said: "They have no respect for human values."

U.N. troops cannot stop Palestinian forces from returning to south Lebanon, says Rabin

TEL AVIV, May 9 (R). — Former Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin said today U.N. peacekeeping troops in Lebanon could not prevent the return of Palestinian guerrillas to the south of the country, but their presence could complicate any Israeli response to guerrilla attacks.

Mr. Rabin was speaking to reporters during a visit to Israeli troops still in south Lebanon following their invasion of the territory in March.

"I do not believe that the U.N. force is capable of preventing the infiltration of terrorists to southern Lebanon, and I am afraid it will not be effective against them," Mr. Rabin said.

"But on the other hand it may set serious limitations in the future on any essential Israeli response if and when terrorists return and action has to be taken against them," he said.

Mr. Rabin said he agreed with the Israeli action in occupying the territory. But he added that the timing and methods used could have been different in view of Middle East peace talks now in progress.

"The present Israeli line (in southern Lebanon) is only temporary and not too much importance should therefore be given to it."

Former Foreign Minister Yi-

gal Allon said today United States President Jimmy Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were all to blame for the present stalemate in Middle East peace talks.

Addressing a public meeting in Jerusalem Mr. Allon said Mr. Carter erred by creating too exaggerated hopes among the Egyptians and other Arabs without being able to meet them.

President Sadat's error was in trying to dictate prior conditions, while Mr. Begin was wrong in trying to give a new interpretation to Security Council Resolution 242, which would exclude an Israeli withdrawal from parts of the occupied West Bank.

In London Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that he had been urged by Britain to renew Middle East peace negotiations.

"I can't say that we agreed about everything," Mr. Dayan said in a BBC television interview after talks lasting 45 minutes with British Prime Minister James Callaghan.

Was Mr. Callaghan trying to get you to be more flexible? he was asked.

"He tried to get us to, I wouldn't say be more flexible, but to take such steps necessary in order to renew the negotiations," Mr. Dayan said.

In Damascus Syrian President Hafez Assad today again criticised Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's trip to Jerusalem last November and said it had undermined Arab interests.

In a speech, President Assad said: "Our struggle is pas-

sing through an unprecedented phase because of the serious split in the Arab front when the Egyptian president visited Jerusalem "this was unexpected and thus disturbed the balance in the region in a manner unknown since the wars of the Crusades," he added.

French forces will stay put in Tyre

PARIS, May 9 (R). — France's United Nations peacekeeping contingent in Lebanon will keep its headquarters in Tyre for the time being, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today. He said the ministry had been informed by the United Nations that French and Senegalese units of the UNIFIL peacekeeping force that were in the Tyre region were being redeployed.

"But until ordered otherwise, the headquarters of the French contingent and its reserves are remaining in the Tyre barracks," he said. Two French soldiers were killed in clashes with the leftist guerrillas near Tyre last week.

Meanwhile Palestinian com-

mando leader Yasser Arafat today inspected guerrilla positions in southern Lebanon, where Israeli occupation troops still hold a belt of territory stretching from the Mediterranean to the slopes of Mount Hermon.

The Palestinian News Agency Wafa reported that Mr. Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (P.L.O.), had met fighters and other personnel in the area but did not specify which locations he visited.

"We have been talking with the members to see whether or not something can be done that would be helpful," he said.

Vance denies S. Arabia linked plane sales to oil prices or role of U.S. \$

WASHINGTON, May 9 (R). — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said today Saudi Arabia had not linked its purchase of 60 advanced F-15 fighters with oil prices or the role of the dollar in oil policy. He was testifying to the House of Representatives International Relations Committee on President Carter's controversial proposal to sell warplanes to three Middle East countries.

Besides the 60 F-15s for Saudi Arabia, the \$5 billion package includes 50 F-5E fighter bombers for Egypt and 15 F-15s and 75 F-16s for Israel.

Congress has until May 28 -- 30 days after the administration formally proposed the sales -- to vote any part of the package with a majority vote in both houses. President Carter has warned that he would withdraw the whole deal if any of it was killed.

Questioned about the Saudi attitude towards the sale, Mr. Vance said today he believed the Saudis would continue to do what was right and proper in their own and world interest.

He said he saw no prospective changes in the Saudi policy of keeping oil prices stable and continuing the pricing in dollars.

Mr. Vance said there had been what he termed considerable loose talk about what the Saudis had said, adding that he had discussed the matter with President Carter and high Saudi officials.

"They have never indicated in any way whatsoever that they are linking oil prices or the question of the dollar to the proposed sale," he said. "Indeed they have said quite the contrary."

Mr. Vance's appearance before the committee came amid reports that Congress and the administration were on the verge of a compromise over the aircraft package.

Members of both the House and Senate have urged that Israel get more planes and that the United States obtain assurances that the Saudis will use their aircraft only for defensive purposes. There have also been demands that the Saudi sale be cut.

But Mr. Vance, asked whether there was a compromise in the works, replied: "We have been having discussions with both sides of the Hill. The discussions are continuing. No conclusions have been reached. That is the state of play."

He said the proposals would have to stand on their own feet but he said there had been suggestions about assurances.

"We have been talking with the members to see whether or not something can be done that would be helpful," he said.

Asked specifically about the suggestion that Israel should get additional planes, he said members of Congress had proposed this. "That's all I can say," he added.

The administration and members of both Senate and House have been holding intensive discussions, but the administration is apparently unwilling to tip its hand too early.

Carter not out to topple Begin, says White House

WASHINGTON, May 9 (R). — The White House today strongly refuted a Senator's charge that the Carter administration wanted to break the U.S. alliance with Israel and remove Premier Menachem Begin.

Senator Lowell Weicker made the stinging attack against President Carter and National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski at last night's annual dinner of the leading U.S. pro-Israel lobby group, the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

He accused Mr. Carter of trying to topple Mr. Begin from power and Mr. Brzezinski of wanting to break the historic alliance with Israel.

The Senator was loudly applauded by the 1,000 people in the audience when he called for Mr. Brzezinski's resignation.

In a formal response early today, a White House spokesman said: "These kinds of false, inflammatory statements are unworthy of comment and counter-productive to a serious discussion of the Middle East problem. Mr. Brzezinski has repeatedly made it clear that the U.S. commitment to Israel is unshakable because it is derived from the strongest moral imperatives."

A senior White House aide was booed and shouted at during last night's meeting when he defended President Carter's integrity and support for the Jewish state.

White House Counsel Robert Linder said he could hardly be heard above the din as he voiced deep sorrow over Mr. Weicker's attack. "Sbut up and sit down," several people shouted. The senator had said earlier he knew of no difference bet-

ween national leaders who in history had blamed their problems on the Jews and "the signals Brzezinski is sending today."

Mr. Linder asked to reply. The booing and hissing started as he rose to speak.

"No room" for communists in Egypt says Sadat

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, May 9 (R). — President Anwar Sadat told his new cabinet today they must keep the public better informed on problems facing the government and ways of solving them.

He was also quoted by Information Minister Abdel Moinein Sawi as telling the ministers that there was no place for Communism in Egypt.

"Imported ideologies, especially Communism, are rejected," the president was quoted as saying.

Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem reshuffled his cabinet on Sunday, with minor changes in key posts, in an effort to head off widespread discontent over food shortages, mounting prices and deteriorating public services.

The president has frequently attacked leftists in the past, accusing them of stirring up trouble in Egypt.

World News Roundup ...

World's largest natural gas supply lines inaugurated by Queen Elizabeth

ST. FERDUS, Scotland, May 9 (R). — Queen Elizabeth today inaugurated new terminals here to receive natural gas from what is thought to be the world's largest offshore gas reservoir -- the Frigg field in the North Sea. Yesterday Norway's King Olaf flew out to platforms to open officially production from the field, which straddles the divide between British and Norwegian sectors. Exploitation of Frigg, discovered in 1971 by French prospectors, was a major international enterprise involving the French oil majors ELF Aquitaine and Total Oil Marine and British and Norwegian companies. Much of the piping was made in Japan. The terminal at this northeast coast village will supply about a third of Britain's current gas needs -- 10 per cent of total energy consumption.

USSR celebrates victory over Nazi Germany

MOSCOW, May 9 (R). — With solemn ceremonies, calls for military vigilance and warnings of a threat from China and the West, the Soviet Union today celebrated the 33rd anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany. As thousands of children mounted guard on memorials to what Russians call the Patriotic War, Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov told the country: "The danger of unleashing a new world war emanates from imperialism."

Sadat gives book royalties to aid village

CAIRO, May 9 (AP). — President Sadat is donating half the \$200,000 in royalties from the sale of his autobiography to development projects for his home village in the Nile delta the authoritative Al Ahram newspaper said today.

Everest scaled without oxygen

KATMANDU, May 9 (R). — Two climbers, an Austrian and an Italian have succeeded in scaling Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, without the use of oxygen at any stage, according to reports received here today from the expedition's base camp. Reinhold Messner, 33, from Villnöss, South Tyrol, Italy, and Peter Habeler, 35 from Mayrhofen Austria, reached the 8,848 metre summit at noon yesterday, the report said.

Soviets, U.S. agree on chemical weapons ban

GENEVA, May 9 (R). — The Soviet Union and the United States said here today they had agreed on much of the scope of a proposed ban on chemical weapons, but were still divided about how to guard against cheating. In a joint report to the 30-nation Geneva disarmament conference the two super-powers said they were continuing intensive negotiations on the accords that have been going on for nearly two years, and would try to complete them as soon as possible. Soviet Ambassador Viktor Likhachev presented the report as the Geneva arms talks delegates prepared to adjourn their spring meeting and move to New York for a special session of the United Nations General Assembly on Disarmament opening May 22.

Somalia denies Kenya invasion charge

MOGADISHU, Somalia, May 9 (AP). — Somalia Tuesday denied allegations that President Mohammad Siad Barre planned to invade neighboring Kenya in mid-March, following Somalia's defeat in the Ogaden war. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence here said no such invasion plan existed nor would there be one in the future. A Somali army deserter Monday, who admitted complicity in April's failed attempt to overthrow the Somali leader, leveled the charge in Nairobi, Kenya during a press conference at the Nairobi area Police headquarters.



A National Airlines jet which crashed into the sea while coming in for a landing at Pensacola, Florida on Monday night. Stunned passengers were forced to scramble out emergency doors into fog and a sea slicked with jet fuel. Three passengers were killed, three more are missing and forty-six were saved by a tugboat captain who brought his craft to the rescue of the Boeing 727 whose passengers had no warning that anything was wrong until the plane hit the water. (AP wirephoto)

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Will the Arabs miss yet another opening?

While most Middle East eyes are focussed on Washington this month to see the outcome of the proposals to sell American warplanes to several Mideast states, an event of potentially equal importance took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania last week that, we suggest, should prompt all Arab leaders to review the mechanics of the drive to restore Arab and Palestinian rights and occupied territories.

While we in the Arab World are often prone to talking in simple clichés and convincing each other of the justice of our cause, we usually remain well away from the focal point of the struggle for justice or domination in the Middle East. That all-important focal point -- if one has to be picked out -- is somewhere on Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and the U.S. Congress. We are seeing this proved again with the saga of the warplanes.

But the event in Pittsburgh that we think deserves closer scrutiny by Arab leaderships is the sixth annual convention of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA). The NAAA has recently come into its own as a growing force in domestic American politics, and it is conveniently portrayed as an Arab counterforce to the much bigger and slicker Israeli lobby. That description is perhaps too simplistic. But the NAAA is a force in the United States that will have increasingly greater clout, particularly with the election of well-versed and respected people such as Mr. Najeeb Halaby as its current president.

The NAAA is rooted in the United States and supported by contributions from Americans of Arab descent. It can and should be a rallying point around which Arab political action can crystallise to counter Israeli propaganda and to promote legitimate Arab demands and rights. The NAAA is only one of many such organisations in the United States, but it is particularly well placed to play a dynamic and constructive role in an arena where the Arabs have traditionally played no role at all. The potential of the NAAA and other such groups should be explored and tapped. To miss this opportunity would be nothing less than a collective dereliction of duty by the Arabs to fight their battles on all fronts and using all their means.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Under the heading "A Grave Warning" AL RA'I Tuesday said that His Majesty King Hussein has once again warned of the imminent dangers facing the Arab nation. He emphasised that Israel was still planning to change the status quo in the East Bank in order to reach the heart of the Arab World.

In his meeting with officers of the Fifth Royal Armoured Division Monday the King said that "the strategic area in which we live makes us a target for Zionist ambitions."

The newspaper asks: "What does this grave warning by the King mean to the Arab leaders and peoples? And what would the collapse of this Arab fortress mean to our brethren in the hinterland?"

Jordan continues to be the only stronghold defending the Arab abode with its holy places and wealth but it is not getting sufficient support which the Arabs are bound to offer to buttress this solid wall, enabling it to confront and deter the enemy, Al Ra'i adds.

"We sincerely hope that the King's warning will be heeded by the Arab leaders and peoples, and that they will wake up to the impending threats, bear their responsibilities and fulfill their commitments towards this country."

The Arabs also should build up their own forces and deploy them along the "remaining confrontation lines in the face of the Zionist menace which now extends to places that were never thought of by the Arab leaders," the newspaper says.

AL DUSTOUR comments on King Hussein's latest tour of inspection of Jordan's southern area, which was followed by his chairing a cabinet meeting in Amman Monday. The newspaper praises the King's instructions to government officials to follow up their duties by frequently visiting the countryside and desert regions to tend to public projects and services on the spot.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibition

The Goethe Institute is showing an exhibition of art by the Hagenring group from West Germany. The exhibition is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily and runs until May 15.

Folklore in Irbid

An exhibition on the folklore of both the East and West Banks of Jordan is being held at the UNRWA department of education in Irbid. The exhibition closes on Thursday May 11.

Football

A football match between a European team and Al Jeel, a Jordanian team, is taking place today at 5:00 p.m. at the old water tower near Sixth Circle.

National News Roundup

King Hussein presides over air safety meet

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein presided over the annual meeting of the Civil Aviation Safety Committee at the Amman Civil Airport this afternoon. The King listened to a report by the Director General of the Civil Aviation Department, Sharif Ghazi Rakan, on progress during the past months and measures taken to ensure safety of civil aviation in Jordan. The King stressed the necessity of completing the automatic approach system to the Amman and Aqaba airports for ensuring the best possible air safety. The committee debated matters related to possible night landing in the Aqaba airport, providing better services in aircraft maintenance and raising the standard of personnel working in the airports. The committee further discussed modernising and developing air safety and improving services provided for passengers in both airports. The committee underscored raising the standard of ground operations and setting up direct and continuous contact between the Civil Aviation Department, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline and other air companies. The committee comprises representatives of the Civil Aviation Department, Alia, The Royal Jordanian Air Force and the Royal Jordanian Aviation Academy.

Pharmacists take action on recent Israeli licencing decision

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — The Secretary General of the Arab Pharmacists Association, Dr. Ahmad Ali Abul 'Ainein has been called upon to raise the issue of the recent Israeli decision to withdraw scientific certificates from Arab on the West Bank and give licences for practising medicine and pharmacy to people of their choosing at the Arab Ministerial Health Council. The urgent message from the President of the Jordanian Pharmacists Association, Mr. Ameen Shukair, also asked that the matter be brought up at the General Assembly of the World Health Organisation now meeting in Geneva and at the Hague International Court of Justice in view of the fact that the Israeli decision contravenes human rights. The message has already been passed on to the Arab Ministerial Health Council for the necessary action.

Computers arrive at Public Security Department

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — The Public Security Department will start using computers by the beginning of June, the Director of Public Security, Maj. Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat, said today. He said the criminal laboratory and licence administration were supplied with computers which will start operating during this month.

Leaving Soviet ambassador presented with medal

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hassan Ibrahim, last night presented the Soviet ambassador with the Independence Medal of the first order. The medal was conferred on him by his Majesty King Hussein in recognition of his efforts in strengthening ties between Jordan and the Soviet Union. The ambassador is leaving Jordan for another post.

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Society Against Tuberculosis to set up sanatorium in Fuheis

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Basma today chaired a general assembly of the Jordanian Society Against Tuberculosis and listened to a briefing about its activities by the society's president Dr. Jamil Tutunji. During the meeting a general discussion about the conditions of the society branches in the towns of Karak, Tafila and Irbid took place, a source at the society said. The sanatorium will be divided into cottages housing three families each. The idea behind the project is to provide a home for old people suffering from the disease, to monitor the condition of the patients and to combat the spread of tuberculosis. Another society meeting to be headed by the Princess will be held at the offices of the Queen Alia Fund for Social Work on May 20. Ways of promoting the society's activities will be discussed. The society, one of the oldest in Jordan, was established in 1944.

Health minister opens childrens unit at Princess Basma Hospital, Irbid

IRBID, May 9 (JNA). — The acting Minister of Health, Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, inaugurated the children's section at the Princess Basma Hospital and two specialised clinics in Irbid today as well as a medical centre in the town of Qamini and three village clinics in the children section. The minister said that studies are underway for the establishment of a 200-bed emergency hospital in the city of Irbid, on which work is expected to start in the coming few months. The new children's section at the hospital has 35 beds and work is underway for enlarging the other sections of the hospital and furnishing them with the equipment. Dr. Abdul Hafez Al Momani, Director of the Basman Hospital said. He added that a central hospital with a modern first aid unit and doctors living quarters is expected to be completed in Irbid later this month.

Automatic mail sorting to be introduced soon

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — The Ministry of Communications has prepared a plan for modernising the Amman central post office in stages, the ministry's Undersecretary, Faris Al Sarayreh, said today. Mr. Al Sarayreh said the central post office will shortly be transferred to a temporary building at Abdali until the completion of the permanent post office project also in Abdali. The undersecretary indicated that mail will be sorted automatically at the new post office.

Educational, transport cooperation with Hungary discussed

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — Minister of Education Abdul Salam Al Majali received at his office today the non-resident Hungarian ambassador to Jordan. They discussed working out a bilateral programme based on the educational agreement signed between the two countries and dispatching a number of Jordanian industrial school graduates to continue their studies in Hungary, a source at the Ministry of Education said. The Hungarian ambassador also visited the Minister of Transport, Ali Suheimat, today and they discussed cooperation in land and air transport between Jordan and Hungary, sources at the ministry of transport said.

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Coming & Going

Omani agriculture delegation here for talks

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — A two-man Omani agriculture delegation has arrived in Jordan for a week-long visit and talks with Jordanian officials. The delegation, led by the Director of the Omani Agriculture Ministry Mohammad Rida, will discuss with officials here the exchange of agriculture expertise between Jordan and Oman and will tour a number of agricultural projects, sources at the Ministry of Agriculture said.

Universities team back from symposium in Riyadh

AMMAN, May 9 (JNA). — A joint delegation from the Jordan and Yarmouk Universities has returned home after taking part in a symposium on departments of education at Arab universities held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. During the meetings, participants discussed the departments and their role in development as well as promoting higher education in the Arab world, a spokesman said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

We read with interest your article by Najmeh Baig and Fawzia Mai for which we are very thankful. Hereunder there are a few points that escaped the attention of the writers, which we would like to mention:
 The Y.W.C.A. is always proud to be under the royal patronage of Her Majesty Queen Zein Al Sharaf. The undersigned, Mrs. Salwa Shwayhat, proudly offered her gratitude to Her Majesty Queen Zein Al Sharaf, who was kind enough to allow us to hold the flower exhibitions for the last six years under her patronage.

These exhibitions have been greatly appreciated by the public and have proved to be a great success. One of the reasons is the cooperation of the various participants like our University of Jordan, different embassies, schools, individuals, flower shops, and above all Bouquet which participated generously and La Broche which offered the Royal Cake. Our special thanks also go to the management of the Intercontinental Hotel who have kindly offered us the use of their halls for the last six years. Never forgetting Jordan Television and the Broadcasting Station, both of which shared in promoting the floral art in our country.

This year specially we had the record cooperation of nine foreign airlines in addition to 'Alia' our national airline. This helped to give the exhibition a really international outlook with the topic: "Spring around the World."

- 1) Saudi Arabian Airlines demonstrated its network with its "Key to the Middle East." This was shown on a floral globe, beautifully arranged.
- 2) Lufthansa kindly transported specially for this occasion hortensia plants from Germany. They were displayed in a very beautiful manner with the Lufthansa flag topping all.
- 3) British Airways offered a wonderful display of flower arrangement emphasizing their airline emblem on a British background.
- 4) Air France, whose floral boat in multi-colour against the background of the Concorde was beautifully displayed.
- 5) M.E.A. whose Lebanese Cedar was surrounded by arrangements showing its network to the different continents.
- 6) Kuwait Airways with its beautiful display of the desert.
- 7) Egypt Airlines with its "Pyramid" display.
- 8) K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines, new in from Holland, the Royal Bouquet and various Dutch traditional flower arrangements.
- 10) Last but not least, Alia the Royal Jordanian Airlines, our national airline, demonstrated the beautiful Alia emblem in a floral runway with a Alia plane taking off.

Mrs. Salwa Shwayhat
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French programme on T.V. introduce a culture and language new to most Jordanians

Shuttle flights will ferry over 500 tourists a week into Aqaba by Nov.

By Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 9 — A one-hour daily French programme will begin appearing on Channel 5 within two to four weeks, M. Dominique Charpy, French Ambassador, told Jordan Times in an interview this week.

The new programme will consist of two kinds of shows, one will be an educational programme — most likely in the afternoon — which will assist viewers in learning modern French. There will also be an alternate programme which will consist of a ten-minute news broadcast followed by a commentary, variety or feature film.

"If French is taught on the radio, it will be very modern and we don't want to be academic French as taught at the university with grammar and literature," M. Charpy said. "We want to teach French as it is spoken in France, and present the most modern words in culture and technology."

The idea of having a daily programme in French originated three years ago according to M. Charpy when he met with Mr. Mohammad al-Dar, Director General of Jordan Television. At that time, Mr. al-Dar expressed an interest in having a regular

French programme.

The idea was followed up by the French cultural attaché over the last few months, culminating in a formal agreement between the Ministry of Information and the French government on April 30.

M. Charpy noted that Jordan has no traditional cultural ties with France and "it is interesting that Jordan should be interested in importing a foreign culture."

This will be the first time that a country where there has been no French tradition introduces a specific daily French language programme. "This indicated an open-mindedness on the part of Jordan," he said.

It is difficult to determine the exact number of French speakers in Jordan, but M. Charpy estimates that possibly five per cent know French, mostly West Bankers especially those educated in Jerusalem in private French schools.

M. Charpy stressed that France had no intention of pursuing "cultural imperialism." He added: "There is no competition involved, and we do not wish to attack the interests of any other groups. We'll do exactly what Jordan wants," he said.

According to the contract, the programme will continue for two years. However the

French intend to train Jordanian journalists in France with the aim of replacing the French team when the contracted period is over.

The new programme will initially be run by two French T.V. journalists, M. Mario Bonar, who will be in charge of the new programme, and M. Immanuel Garry his assistant. The exact details of the programme have yet to be decided between M. Bonar and Mr. Kamal, the JTV director. This should be completed within the next two to four weeks.

The only major factor holding up the show at the moment is a slight delay in the arrival of equipment and materials from France. "We don't want to start the show without a sufficient stock of films," M. Charpy said.

Eventually all films and materials will be sent from France via Beirut. There is already a big team in Beirut which makes the necessary adaptations to the films for the Arab World and makes the subtitles in Arabic. At the moment Lebanon is the only other Arab nation in the vicinity with a French T.V. programme.

The news broadcast will be compiled from a number of French news agencies and all local news will be translated from the local Jordan News Agency into French.

By John Bonar
and Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 9 — Agreement was reached yesterday for the first direct flights from Europe to Aqaba according to Mr. Joachim Kuhn, General Manager of Jordan's Holiday Inn. Regular direct flights from Copenhagen will start in early November and some flights may begin as early as mid-October.

The conclusion of this agreement is the end result of a number of feasibility studies and cooperation agreements between operators, hotels and airlines over the past eight months.

The idea originated last September, Mr. Kuhn said, "when Mr. Iyad Khalid, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Alia, agreed to fair price for direct flights to Aqaba. He assured us the same rate to Aqaba as Amman. This is what really opened the door."

Holiday Inn, one of the leading hotels in Jordan, which is anxious to improve conditions for its hotel in Aqaba, then invited a team of its sales managers representing all Alia destinations in Europe to conduct a feasibility study of the Aqaba project.

The idea of the study was to see exactly what a tourist would encounter in Aqaba and how conditions could be improved to provide for and attract more tourists.

Two main problems the team found were that "Aqaba lacked competitive prices and sufficient tourist services." The team presented the study to Mr. Barakat, Minister of Tourism, to explain the problems facing the Holiday Inn and tourism in general in Aqaba.

"In the past tourists were nervous about certain prices in Aqaba. There were no tables of prices and tourists just didn't know what to expect. In five trips from the airport into town it was possible to be charged five different fares. Also Aqaba lacked certain conveniences and activities which are attractive to tourists such as tennis courts, mini-golf, etc. the building of the Aqua Marina was a big help in that line."

"But in the study we found that our hotel prices just didn't compete with those in Athens, Eilat and Tunisia," conceded Mr. Kuhn. "So we worked out all new rates. Considering that with a steady flow of tourists and regular groups we could cut hotel prices to a bare minimum on a package deal."

They also managed to convince two operators here to keep their fees at an extremely low level.

Thus with new competitive hotel rates, the assurance of Alia rates and the cooperation of the operators a package deal emerged.

European holiday makers

Mr. Kuhn mentioned that Holiday Inn did some research into the various markets to see which would be the most successful. They concluded that the European market was the best one to tap.

"The American tourists usually want to see as much as they can in as short a time as possible," he said. "They wouldn't be interested in spending more than a day in Aqaba whereas the Europeans are more inclined to spend a few days on the Aqaba beach."

Holiday Inn and Alia began immediately to promote Aqaba in European cities, mainly in Germany and Scandinavia. In the meantime European travel agents were invited to visit Aqaba to examine its prospects. Of those who came "80 per cent felt the product was sellable."

Mr. Kuhn said that "although it usually takes about two years to promote a place we hope to be successful in one year — by next winter."

So far three major European tour operators have been studying contracts for the direct flights.

Deal with Tjaereborg

The deal which was reached yesterday is with Tjaereborg, the Danish based European holiday company. Together with local agents, Shepherd's Tours and Travel owned by Raji and Bassem Khouri and Antone Tawfik Nazzal, Tjaereborg signed a deal for between 500 and 600 tourists a week to fly into Aqaba on back-to-back charter flights.

This will take up, from Nov. 1, about half of Aqaba's total hotel capacity and for the time being virtually rules out any other large bulk tourist deal in the Red Sea port city.

The only thing which had been holding up the agreement was the hotel pricing arrangement. According to Mr. Kuhn all parties were in basic agreement; however, two of the hotels in Aqaba had decided to press for a rate which was higher than originally planned.

In this case the Ministry of Tourism intervened and persuaded the hotels to change their stand, thus rescuing the agreement.

Under the new arrangement each hotel will get its own voucher separately.

Tjaereborg started in 1950 when Pastor Ellen Krogager and his sexton organised a co-

ach tour to Spain for members of their local Danish community. The two impoverished churchmen were able to go along as guides and the idea caught on. Later the same year a Pastor Krogager and a local schoolteacher sent off another seven groups of holidaymakers.

Today the Tjaereborg foundation organises holidays for over one million tourists a year. It owns its own coaches, airplanes and hotels. Other companies in the group are concerned with language education, freight and transport and a flight training school.

Pastor Krogager is still a consultant to the foundation.

Tjaereborg is no stranger to the immediate area. A few years ago it initiated the development of Eilat, just across the sands in Israel, from a rather sleepy backwater local Israeli resort into an international centre that quickly caught on with European holiday makers. Last year, having dropped Eilat from their tour programmes, the company was looking for an alternative when Shepherd's introduced the idea of Aqaba to them.

Shepherd's reasoned that if Tjaereborg could make a success out of being the first international holiday company to fly charters packed with tourists into Eilat they could do the same for Aqaba.

Tjaereborg is also confident. Originally it was prepared to take over every room that was available in Aqaba in the main hotels. However this was cut back when it was realised that some space would have to be reserved for the normal tourists who have been the mainstay of Aqaba's business since it started.

This one deal vindicates current opinion in the Ministry of Tourism that the private sector can and must be more aggressive and seize the initiative in developing the tourism industry in Jordan.

While the ministry is waiting for the results of a \$1 million feasibility study on the Aqaba Lagoon project it indicates that Jordan has got attractions that could fill the 3,000 rooms the project may make available.

No room for slip ups

While Tjaereborg is preparing to print brochures and organise an advertising campaign for Aqaba in Europe in preparation for the 1978/79 winter holiday season, the long-term success of the venture will depend on the satisfaction of the holiday makers they bring.

Many of the company's customers return year after year, perhaps going to different resorts. In this atmosphere of a large club the word soon gets around about the kind of holidays the tourists enjoyed in other resorts, other hotels.

Cancelled holidays, no rooms for the tourists, holiday makers booked into uncompleted hotels and such disasters haunt the package tour industry and are quick to be seized on by the popular press in the travellers' home countries.

"One slip up, one messed up tour, and we are in trouble," says Shepherd's Director, Antone (Tony) Nazzal. "It would mean cancelled bookings and a drop in business for at least a couple of months," he cautions.

A series of messed up tours could put a company out of business. Or in the case of an international operator like Tjaereborg, it would drop the resort from its schedules.

There is particular concern with Aqaba because government agencies in Jordan, as in many other Arab countries, frequently fail to make the necessary arrangements in advance for hotel accommodation and end up commandeering rooms and hotel facilities for official guests and junkets.

So far, no one in Jordan has come up with guarantees that package tourists, along with other guests, will not be ordered to vacate their rooms by an unhappy hotel manager forced by government agencies.

Mr. Nazzal acknowledges the situation: "Since nobody can guarantee it won't happen we have got to face the possibility that it could happen. For one night, if the government wants these rooms badly enough and is prepared to

pay the cost we could manage by taking the tourists in coaches for a day-and-a-night tour of say Damascus. But this would have to be at no cost to the tourist and would obviously cost the government plenty."

So far the government has given no opinion on the suggestion.

Puritan ethics won't do

Another problem facing the tour operators is that of transposing a sizeable number of tourists from a liberal European environment into a fairly strict Middle East social atmosphere. Inevitably there will be friction. The potential trouble for the tourists arises when the active and pervasive enforcers of law and moral order turn their attentions to the tourists.

"We are selling the sun, romance and ancient cultures to the tourists who are not going to take kindly to being told to stop kissing during a moonlight stroll along the beach," says one tourism oriented businessman.

"Let's face it," he goes on. "Some of the tourists we bring to Jordan are going to be seeking romantic interludes in their lives, whether with local residents, or perhaps with local residents. So long as these people do not offend against public decency there should be no way overzealous police and security can interfere in their private activities."

The ministry's attitude is "let's hope it doesn't happen." However some senior officials in the ministry acknowledge that the success of the Aqaba Lagoon project depends on Jordan's ability to attract the well-off expatriate and the nationals of the Arab oil-producing states.

"Let there be no mistake about it," says one, "if we decide to go ahead with the lagoon project then it is going to be a wine, women and song deal with a gambling casino being an integral part of the whole scheme. We are going to have to accept that, although doing our best to make sure there is no offence to public decency."

FOOTBALL MATCH

A football match between a mixed European team and the Jordanian runner-up team Al Jeel will be held at the old water tower near the Sixth Circle today at 5:00 p.m.

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* Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	8,460	1,400	1,450	1,400
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General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	500	—	1,100	1,000
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	990	—	—	1,100
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	440	—	1,150	1,100
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* Petra Bank	JD 10,000	8,717	13,300	13,900	13,250
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1,200	0,900	0,950	0,900
Total volume traded, Tuesday, May 9		JD 42,215			
Total number of shares traded		17,935			
* 50 per cent of share capital paid.					
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JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	8:30 Arabic series	9:10 Television magazine
5:30 Quran		
5:45 Cartoons		
6:00 Partridge family		
6:15 Sindbad		
7:00 Thabitha		
8:30 News in Arabic		
10:15 Fall of Eagles		
11:00 News in Arabic		
Channel 3:		
7:30 Sports and the youth		

RADIO JORDAN

10:30 Kalla and Dima	15:30 Concert Hour
11:00 Sign-off	16:00 Pop Session
12:00 Sign-off and News Head-line	17:30 Pop Session
12:05 Pop Session	18:00 News Summary
12:10 News Summary	18:05 Jordan in History
12:20 Pop Session	18:30 Story Time
14:00 News Bulletin	19:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Music	19:10 News Reports
14:30 Sign-off	19:30 Sign-off

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BBC RADIO

06:00	News: 24 Hours	15:15	News: Commentaries
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9:10 Doha (RJ-GF)	9:55 Cairo (EA)
9:15 Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ-GF)	10:00 Rome (AZ)
9:20 Athens	11:00 Baghdad
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02:00 Rome (AZ)	02:25 Tehran (AZ)

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41320
British Council	3547-8
French Cultural Centre	3700
German Cultural Centre	4180
Soviet Cultural Centre	4400
U.S.A. Centre	6515
Russian Youth City	6718
Y.W.C.A.	4778
Y.W.M.C.A.	6281
Amman Municipal Library	3611
University of Jordan Library	6111
Citizens' Museum	3811
Palace Museum	3811

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 7911
Civil defence rescue	2430-4
Fire headquarters	2200
First aid, fire, police	19
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	3631-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	3711-3
Police headquarters	3511
Nighttime roving patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	2111, 3771
Airport information (Alia)	6205
Jordan Television	7311
Radio, English Section	7412

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hama Theatre	Tel. 226-48
Al Sha's Art Gallery	226-27
American Centre	552-52
Arab Cultural Centre	332-72
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	657-01
British Cultural Centre	332-52
French Cultural Centre	332-52
German Cultural Centre	332-52
Italian Cultural Centre	332-52
Japanese Cultural Centre	332-52
Spanish Cultural Centre	332-52
U.S.A. Centre	332-52
Y.W.C.A. Public Library	111-32

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 99
Chamber of Commerce	115-33
Electric Power Co. (emergency)	223-87
Fire headquarters	91
Police headquarters	96/97
Telephone exchange	115-33
Y.W.C.A. Public Library	99

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Jordan Valley Authority invites qualified contractors who are registered with the Ministry of Public Works as Class (1) ROADS and who wish to participate in the tender for the

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ROADS AND STREETS PORTABLE WATER DISTRIBUTION WORKS CENTRAL SECTOR

to purchase two sets of tender documents and one set of drawings from the JVA offices in Jabal Amman at a non refundable payment of JD 50.

The last date for purchasing documents is 12:00 hrs. noon local time on Thursday 18 May 1978 and last date for submitting tenders shall be 12:00 hrs. noon local time on Saturday 10 June 1978.

The works consist generally of the construction of approximately 18 km. of roads and streets within 14 villages and the construction of portable water distribution networks with appurtenant structures for 12 villages located within an 80 kms. strip of the East Bank of the Jordan Valley. The provision of the pipes, fittings, meters and valves for potable water distribution works is not included in this tender; these materials will be provided by the employer at his stores in Deir Alla.

Jailed Greek-Cypriot newsman says Israel interrogators tricked him into giving info

TEL AVIV, May 9 (R). — A Greek-Cypriot journalist charged with intelligence-gathering for a Palestinian guerrilla organisation has told a court here he had been misled into providing information to his interrogators under false pretences.

Paskis Paniotis, 28, of Nicosia, yesterday told the Tel Aviv District Court he had written out a statement after being told he would be released if he did so.

Paniotis, who writes for a number of East German newspapers, said he had even later added further details about his contacts with Palestine Liberation Organisation officials in Cyprus and Lebanon as he had been told this would add to the credibility of his statements.

Paniotis was shown a number of photographs and said they were those of PLO members he knew.

They included a man named Zacharia, said to be the PLO representative in Cyprus and his assistant Yunis, as well as Hassan, a secretary at the Libyan Embassy in Cyprus.

When shown a copy of one of his statements Paniotis denied that it was his. The President of the three-man court, Judge Biyamin Coheo, warned him not to be so hasty. The

document had already been accepted by Paniotis' defence lawyer, he said. It was the validity of the document as permissible evidence which was now under consideration, the judge said.

Hans Lebrecht, 63, an Israeli journalist and member of the Central Committee of the Israel Communist Party, who is on trial for aiding Paniotis to obtain information, said he knew Paniotis worked for East German newspapers and television but did not know what else he did while abroad.

He gave details of Paniotis' visits to Israel and said he had agreed to buy him, at his request, a series of large-scale maps of Israel.

The court is to decide later today whether to accept as valid evidence the statements made to police and security officials after the two men were arrested at the beginning of this year.

Paniotis is still held in detention, while Lebrecht is on bail.

OAPEC discusses Arab oil refining policy

KUWAIT, May 9 (R). — Arab oil producing countries began a one-day ministerial meeting today to discuss a proposed common Arab oil refining policy.

The ten-member Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) was also expected at the meeting to sign a protocol setting up an OAPEC legal board and decide on an Arab petroleum training institute to be set up in Baghdad.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifeh Al Sabah told the opening session that oil producers were facing challenges from industrialised countries and foreign oil companies following their take-over of oil operations.

London, Bonn want EEC to spend less on Mediterranean farming

BRUSSELS, May 9 (R). — Britain and West Germany have pressed for a cut in the cost to the Common Market of proposals to modernise Mediterranean agriculture.

Farm ministers of the Nine, meeting here last night for a new attempt to agree on the EEC's annual farm prices package, have before them a proposal that the community contribute up to half of a \$2.5 billion five-year plan to restructure agriculture in southern France and the Italian Mezzogiorno.

Linked to it is a compromise price package for the 1978-1979 growing season suggested by the EEC's Executive Commission.

But West German Agriculture Minister Josef Ertl insisted at the ministers' last me-

eting in Luxembourg that Bonn would not approve the package unless the proposed EEC share in the Mediterranean agricultural restructuring was reduced.

Danish sources said the chairman of yesterday's meeting, Danish Farm Minister Poul Dalsager, wanted to press ahead with this topic.

This would give the ministers the rest of the week, if they need it, to complete the marathon run to agreement on the prices package for the season which was supposed to begin in April.

The commission has proposed a compromise price increase averaging just over two per cent as compared with the 1977-78 season. This would be the lowest ever and has a number of critics, especially

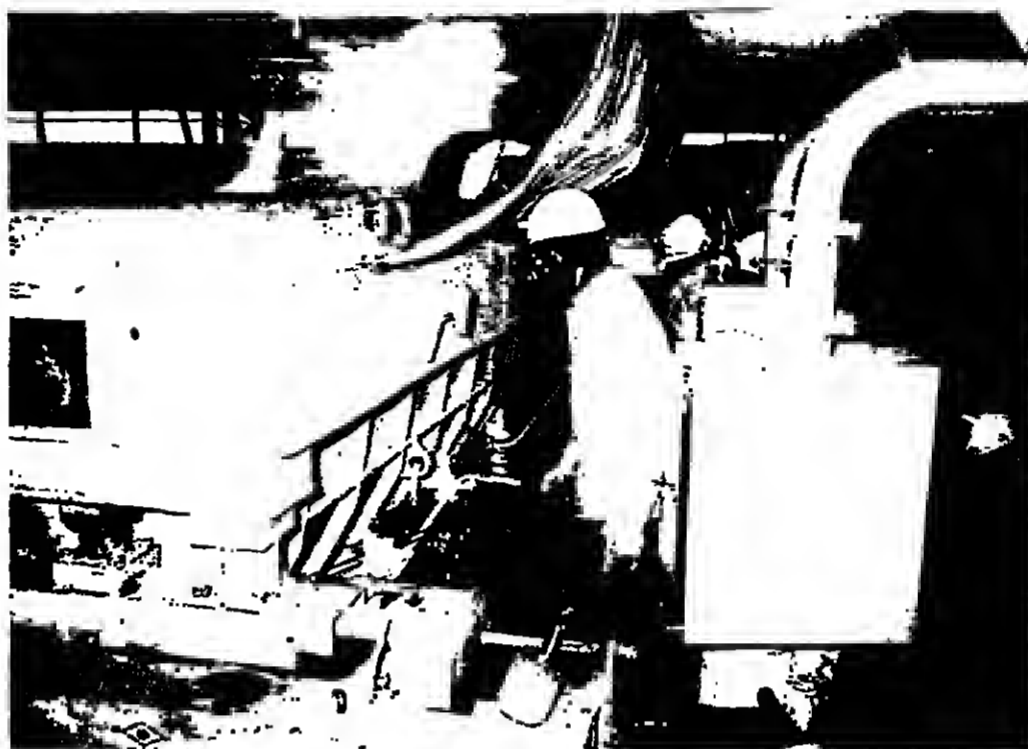
in Belgium, which wants five per cent.

British Farm Minister John Silkin told his colleagues yesterday that the EEC should not bear more than 30 per cent of the cost of restructuring Mediterranean agriculture, the rest being borne by the countries benefiting from the schemes.

West German sources said Mr. Ertl did not name a precise percentage yesterday, but he called for flexibility, varying the community's share in different projects.

Behind the West German and British arguments lies the awareness that whatever the community does for French and Italian Mediterranean farmers, it could be called upon to do the same for Spain, Greece, and Portugal, which have applied to join the community.

Japanese firm builds Gulf's 1st integrated steel mill in Qatar



Qatar recently inaugurated the Gulf area's first integrated steel mill with an annual production capacity of 400,000 metric tons in terms of crude steel. The mill, made in Japan, is situated in Umm Said and is operated by the Qatar Steel Co. Ltd. One of the features of this steel mill is the adoption of the direct reduction process in place of the blast furnace method in order to utilise the abundant natural gas in the country. The steel mill will provide the neighbouring countries as well as the Qatari domestic market with bars for construction use, having a capacity to annually produce 330,000 metric tons of finished products. The Gulf area's annual demand for construction-use bars is expected to reach three million metric tons in the near future. Photos above show a partial view of the mill and some of the mill's employees on the job. (KPR photo)

U.S. trade embargo on Cuba to continue

ORLANDO, Florida, May 9 (AP). — Cuban intervention in Africa makes it unlikely that the Carter administration will lift the Cuban trade embargo soon, Ambassador Robert Strauss has assured Florida agricultural interests.

Strauss, the president's special trade representative, said in a letter to Sen. Richard Stone, a Florida Democrat, that even if the embargo was lifted Cuba would not get preferential treatment without Congressional approval.

Sen. Stone had written to Strauss after hearing about the concerns of the Orlando-based United Growers and Shippers and the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association.

Florida growers fear that favoured nation status for Cuban imports would seriously damage the citrus, sugar and tobacco industries.

Both groups warned the state's Congressional delegation and major agricultural leaders that their interpretation of federal trade accords was that President Carter didn't need Congressional approval to lift the current embargo on Cuba.

Strauss wrote Stone: "I doubt that the president will end the present embargo on Cuban imports in the near future given Cuban intervention in Africa."

Under the trade laws, Strauss said, any commercial agreement with Cuba "would need to be approved by Congress."

But Stone said after receiving Strauss' letter that "it's still an open question whether the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba will be lifted by either the president or by the Congress."

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars
One sterling	1.8115/20	West German marks
One dollar	2.0940/55	Dutch guilders
	2.2420/35	Swiss francs
	1.9715/35	Belgian francs
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	4.6530/45	Norwegian kroner
	5.4460/80	Danish crowns
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LONDON MARKET REPORT

Prices closed lower in light trading Tuesday, dealers said. At 15:00 hrs. the F.T. index was down 6.8 at 473.3. Government bonds closed up to 3/8 lower after being marked down 5/8 initially on expectations of British monthly banking figures showing acceleration in money supply growth, dealers said.

Leading equities lost up to 12-1/2p and gold shares firmed slightly while U.S. and Canadian issues closed mixed.

Oil shares fell. Leading bank shares fell by up to 11-1/2p despite increases in their base rates. Dealers said traded options eased slightly on profit-taking in light trading.

Gold price not received.

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Middle East fascination for gold returns in the midst of a market price nose-dive

By Philip Marvio

LONDON, (F.T.) — The Middle East's fascination for gold is nothing new. In fact the metal is said to have been "discovered" about 6,000 years ago in the Tigris-Euphrates valley. Subsequently the rulers of Egypt developed an insatiable desire for it and mines were even organised as far afield as Abyssinia.

Official and unofficial activity in the gold market has remained very much part of the public monetary system in the Middle East while gold smuggling continues to be the top romantic occupation of the area. Both official and unofficial activity in the gold market became centred on Beirut after the end of the Second World War when, as well as supplying the surrounding areas and the Far East, gold was airlifted from Beirut to Kuwait for the Indian run. Nowadays, however, direct flights to Dubai have cut out that section of Beirut's business.

As a free gold market surrounded by countries which do not permit the importation of gold, Beirut's position as a major smuggling centre continues. But the changing pattern of the Middle East gold market in recent years, caused by the great increase in wealth throughout the region, has meant that its dominance

is now being seriously challenged by other centres such as Damascus and Jeddah.

As a result of the oil price rises in 1973/74 local inhabitants have become much more able to satisfy their dreams of owning large quantities of gold, which they view both as a status symbol and as a store of wealth. Meanwhile, the flow of migrant labour throughout the region in service, construction and development projects is providing a large and continuous outflow of gold. For when the migrant labourers have finished their term — normally a year to 18 months — they take the gold back to their home countries.

Immigrant market

Immigrant workers come mainly from India and Pakistan but also from the poorer regions around the Gulf, such as Yemen, and as far away as Korea, Thailand, Ethiopia and Somalia. They are paid in local currency which is not worth transporting to their home countries so they tend either to convert it into hard currency or they buy gold.

Thus a large market has sprung up in which immigrant workers as well as middle-class Arabs want to buy medals, jewellery and coins to safeguard their future, to ensure an adequate dowry and

After heady predictions that gold would soon break through the \$200 an ounce mark, it has once again taken a nose-dive as the United States announced plans to sell some of its stockpile. But the desire to own gold goes back a long, long way — and the market is getting bigger all the time.

to bolster savings eroded by inflation.

Provisional figures of the London-based Samuel Montagu, of the world's largest dealers, show that around 370 tons of gold were sent to the Middle East in 1977. Turkey took the lion's share of about 100 tons.

All Turkish gold, incidentally, is imported illicitly into the country without paying duties. And unlike other importers the country is not really a distribution centre but rather a net absorber of gold from other centres. This really reflects how Turkish farmers have traditionally turned profits from good harvests into gold rather than trusting the banks.

Middle East imports

According to Consolidated Gold Fields Saudi Arabia imported around 90 tons of gold in 1977, a third of which was then re-exported to Egypt, Jordan and India. Between six to eight tons of the Saudi go-

ld was made into coins and 20 to 25 tons into jewellery. Some 60 tons were sold as gold bars.

Iren imported about 70 tons, Kuwait bought 30 tons and re-exported five. Dubai's imports reached 42 tons, though much of this was subsequently re-exported to other parts of the Gulf and further afield. Syria, Lebanon and Jordan bought 20 tons between them and the UAE around twice that amount.

Taste for Western jewellery

One of the most interesting trends last year was the tendency to buy more Western jewellery despite premiums of only around 20 per cent charged by Arab craftsmen compared to the 200-300 per cent charged by their Western counterparts.

Previously Western jewellery sold very poorly because buyers were far more interested in the inherent value of the gold content rather than any aesthetic qualities. Locally-

manufactured jewellery contains relatively little workmanship, and normally consists of roughly turned bangles and occasionally chains or large heavy bells all made of high carat gold, very often 22 carat.

Imported jewellery comes mostly in the form of chains manufactured in Italy and Spain and this is frequently 18 carat. For Italian jewellers soaring demand for their designs has virtually transformed their businesses. In the last few years, Arab demand, particularly from the Gulf states, has been so large that they found they could not keep up with the volume of orders.

Another form that demand for gold takes is sovereigns — a traditional legacy from colonial rule. Those most favoured depict the head of George V. Female beads on coins are not so well received and are often covered, which detracts from the authenticity of the coin.

Gold as investment

Finally, the purchase of gold in the form of bullion as strictly as investment is fairly limited since if Arabs wish to purchase bullion for investment purposes it is usually held in Zurich or London. However, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the United States boosting world supplies this is another area where some private Arab investors have been active.

With so many more private buyers in the market Middle East speculators and smugglers have been having a field day. In the latter category the latest catch was recently made by Swiss customs officials who discovered a Swiss national with some \$120,000 worth of

gold hidden in his belt. The largest market for the gold smuggler, India, may soon dry up, however, if the government goes ahead with plans to sell gold in the public and to allow jewellery exporters to import gold at international prices.

Gold for oil

There have also been substantial rumours lately that Middle East oil producers might in future demand that a certain percentage of their oil revenue should be paid in gold. Meanwhile gold would also have a part to play in any plan to switch to a basket of currencies to replace the dollar as a basis for calculating oil payments.

Middle East countries with surplus funds available are, quite capable of buying very large quantities of gold on the open market but would run the risk of forcing the price right up as well as displacing the U.S. administration if they did so.

A new IMF ruling due to come into effect by the end of this year will also affect the world market. It will allow the big central banks to buy and sell gold in the open market at current prices instead of the artificial figure of \$42 an ounce. If other central banks whose currencies are suffering from balance of payments difficulties follow the U.S. example in selling off part of their gold reserves, the gold price would continue to rise. So it will be interesting to see whether surplus countries in the Gulf come to the rescue by buying in the new metal to add to their own reserves.

-- Financial Times News-Features

Japanese left determines to block Narita opening

By James Foley

NARITA, Japan, (R.) — Radical leftists may try to send a blazing radio-controlled model aircraft crashing into a depot containing millions of gallons of jet fuel if the government tries, yet again to open Tokyo's new international airport here.

In the past the extremist opponents of the \$2.6 billion airport, have developed such bizarre home-made weapons as giant slingshots and a Roman siege engine capable of hurling Molotov cocktails hundreds of metres.

The Japanese authorities have turned the airport into what they view as an impenetrable fortress following widespread violence in March which caused cancellation of opening ceremonies on March 30. But sources close to the radicals say that the 26 organisations in the vanguard of the protests are now drawing up plans to halt the new opening set for May 20.

details but are known to favour hit-and-run tactics in view of the fact that thousands of riot police are guarding the airport, behind walls of wire and even a moat.

The sources said the radicals might set radio-controlled model airplanes on fire and loose them on the airport fuel depot which contains some 11.6 million gallons (53,000 kilo litres) of jet fuel. They might also try to touch off the fuel with incendiary bullets.

The police have been accused of heavy handedness in their efforts to protect the airport, which has become a symbol of the evils of capitalism to Japanese leftists.

It was a small group of 20 radicals who slipped through a guard of 13,000 riot policemen last March 23 to enter and wreck the airport's control tower.

Because of the damage to radar, communications systems, and other electronic devices required to get planes into and out of Narita, the government cancelled the opening date until the equipment could be replaced.

That has now been done

and the airport is ready for operations.

The control tower has been turned into a 18-storey citadel to prevent a recurrence of the March raid.

Officers in the tower have been equipped with thick steel doors with electronic locks. The floors, stairs and walls have been armoured with steel plates and offices have escape ropes to enable air controllers to slide to safety if radicals break in.

During the March raid, controllers in the tower scrambled out on the roof and had to be lifted to safety by police helicopters while helmeted radicals inside smashed equipment with hammers and iron bars.

In keeping with Japan's high technology, the ropes have been fitted with special devices to slow the speed of descent to a comfortable and safe swoop.

The airport itself is a fortress. Police are stringing up a second perimeter fence and setting barbed wire on top of the first.

Moats are being dug around the outside perimeter and steel sheets and barbed wire are

being buried under the fences to stop any tunnelling.

Trees near the fences are being chopped down because they may hide radicals preparing for a raid.

Opponents committed

Despite the government action in fortifying the airport, located on former farmland 60 kms. to the northeast of Tokyo, the opponents are maintaining their commitment to stop the opening.

They plan to begin drumming up public support with a mass rally in Tokyo next Sunday and for opening day are preparing a huge protest demonstration near the airport.

It was at such a demonstration in March that widespread rioting broke out, followed by the control tower attack which crippled opening day plans.

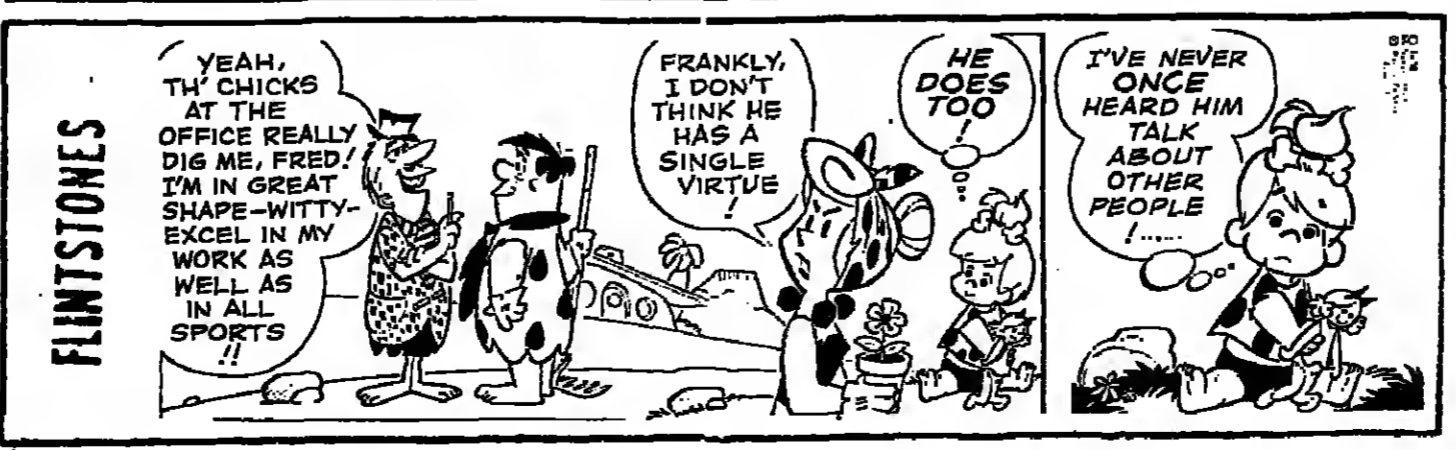
A spokesman for the Sanriyuka-Shibayama Anti-Airport League which groups most opponents, told Reuters that its ultimate aim was unchanged — to force the government to scrap the airport.

"We will block the opening by force," he said.

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes



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GOORED BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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ASK OMAR

Q.—I am at a loss after one of my opponents opens the bidding with one no trump. How do you compete and when?

P. Davidson, New York, N.Y.
[This question has been awarded the weekly prize.]

A.—There are many conventional methods of getting into the auction after an opponent opens the bidding with one no trump, but I am not convinced about the soundness of some or the necessity of others. I will outline a method that is both simple and practical.

The first thing to bear in mind is that, after an opposing one no trump opening, your chances for making game are slight. Therefore, you are really competing for a part score. Also, you must be wary about entering the auction, especially in the direct seat where you might be caught in a vise between two strong hands.

The prime requisite for entering the auction in the direct seat is that you have a good, long suit. If you do not, you run the risk of a heavy penalty. Also if the opponents buy the contract, partner will almost certainly lead your suit, and it must be able to stand the lead.

Thus, all suit overalls of one no trump, except for two clubs, tend to show a six-card or longer suit. The overall does not necessarily promise much in the way of high cards outside the bid suit.

Two clubs can be used as a takeoff for the major suits—the Landy Convention. It guarantees at least nine, probably ten, cards in the major suits and says nothing about your holding in clubs. Partner is required to respond in his better major at whatever level he desires to play.

There are two different ways of treating a double of one no trump. Some use it to show a balanced hand at least as strong as the no trump opening bid. Others play it as a good hand with a strong suit that can

virtually defeat one no trump on his own, such as: ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx.

Here are some examples: What would you bid with each after a one no trump opening bid at your right?

a) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣A10
b) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx
c) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx
d) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx
e) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx
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g) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx
h) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx
i) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx
j) ♠Ax ♣xxx ♠AQJ9xx ♣xx

Q.—Is it right to cover an honor in this situation?
Dummy
AKxxx
You
Q9x
Declarer leads the ten.
L. Masters, New Haven, Conn.
A.—That depends on whether dummy has a side entry or not. If there are entries in dummy, it cannot help to cover. However, if dummy is entryless, it is vital to cover. Declarer could be leading from J-10 doubleton. If you don't cover, he will run the ten and score five tricks in the suit. By covering you limit him to four tricks if he allows your queen to win, and two if he elects to win the trick.

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Gandhi's party wins major victories in Indian by-elections

NEW DELHI, May 9 (R). — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress Party today scored its first parliamentary by-election victory in northern India, where only a year ago she suffered crushing defeat in general elections. The Congress Party candidate, Mrs. Mohsina Kidwai, defeated the ruling Janata Party nominee, Ram Bachan Yadav, by 35,385 votes in Azamgarh, a backward constituency in Uttar Pradesh State.

Mrs. Kidwai, party President in the state, secured 131,329 votes and Mr. Yadav 95,944 votes.

Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party also humiliated the Janata by winning two state assembly by-elections in Azamgarh

district last night. Last February, it captured power in Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka States in assembly elections.

Mrs. Gandhi's party lost last year's national elections mainly because of her unpopular

programme of forced sterilisations and her harsh 21-month emergency rule that ended with her ouster.

The official faction of the Congress Party -- it split into two last January with Mrs. Gandhi heading one wing -- was also badly mauled in the Azamgarh by-elections and its nominee Chandrajit Yadav, a former cabinet colleague of Mrs. Gandhi, lost his deposit.

Mrs. Gandhi, 60, had lost all the 82 parliamentary seats, including her own, in Uttar Pradesh, her traditional power base, in March last year.

The election victories, which are certain to boost the morale of Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party, were regarded by political analysts as a major setback for the Janata, which was swept to power a year ago.

The Statesman newspaper said today the basic failure of the Janata was the leadership's inability to work as a team.

Berkowitz confesses to 6 "Son of Sam" murders

NEW YORK, May 9 (AP). — David Berkowitz confessed to the six "Son of Sam" killings because he deeply wants people to like him and, anyway, "a good Christian can't plead insanity," he says.

The 24-year-old former postal clerk -- who has told psychiatrists that he hopes to answer God's calling to be a minister while in prison -- calmly pleaded guilty yesterday to six counts of second-degree murder and some two score other crimes committed during a 12-month reign of terror in three New York city boroughs.

Defence attorneys said that following sentencing on May 22 they would appeal a judge's finding of competency, which enabled Berkowitz to reject their insanity defence and plead guilty to the crimes.

It is expected Berkowitz, who will remain at Kings Munro Hospital until sentencing, will receive the maximum allowable concurrent terms, making him eligible for parole in 30 years at the earliest.

In a major surprise announced to the heavily guarded 260-seat courtroom, Bronx District Attorney Mario Meroia disclosed that Berkowitz has claimed responsibility for 2,000 fires in a four-year period under the alias of the Phantom of the Bronx.

It was revealed that a diary detailing some 1,411 of the fires was among the materials seized when police arrested Berkowitz at his Yonkers apartment last August.

Authorities in the Bronx, where the overwhelming majority of the diary notations were from, promised a full investigation into whether Berkowitz was an arsonist or simply a fire buff.

Other reasons Berkowitz gave for the guilty pleas were that God had given him a mission to become a prison minister, that to plead innocent would be cowardly, that to go to trial and use an insanity defence would stir the demons against him.

Libya tries to keep Afghanistan Moslem

BAHRAIN, May 9 (R). — Libyan Foreign Minister Ali Abdul Salam Turekhi was today quoted by a newspaper here as saying the Libyan Jamahiriya was trying to keep Afghanistan a Moslem country following the recent leftist coup in the Central Asian state. Dr. Turekhi made a brief stopover here yesterday en route to Afghanistan.

In an interview with the daily Akhbar Al Khaleej, he said the aim of his visit was "to foster relations between the two brotherly Moslem countries in all areas and look closely on the situation there following the coup" in which former President Mohammad Daoud was killed.

The trip also aimed at "keeping the Republic of Afghanistan a Moslem state as has been emphasised by its new President Nur Mohammad Taraki," Dr. Turekhi said.

SWAPO calls off Namibia talks while it tends to victims of Angola raid

UNITED NATIONS, May 9 (R). — A Western independence plan for Namibia (South West Africa) hung in the balance today after guerrilla leaders called off talks and flew home to bury the dead left by last week's South African raid on their camps in Angola.

"The talks, as far as we are concerned, are suspended indefinitely," Theo Ben Gurirab, U.N. observer of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), told reporters.

"We are at the moment busy burying the dead and attending to the wounded and the maimed. So we want to devote all our time at this point to attend to the grave problems created by the attack on our civilian settlements by South African troops."

He said the South African incursion, launched from bases in Namibia, killed at least 600 Namibians and wounded about 300, mostly women and children.

South Africa, unanimously condemned by the Security Council last Saturday, said the attack was directed at SWAPO bases used as a springboard for guerrilla raids into Namibia.

The SWAPO delegation's departure was announced about an hour before it was due to begin talks yesterday with representatives of the United States, Britain, Canada, France and West Germany.

The five countries negotiated a plan over the past year to bring independence to South

African-ruled Namibia through U.N.-supervised elections.

South Africa announced its acceptance of the plan on April 25. The Western five scheduled further discussions with SWAPO after its President, Sam Nujoma, said he had serious misgivings about several key points.

Citing alleged acts of repression in Namibia as well as the Angola raid, SWAPO said in a press statement yesterday: "All these sinister developments make the prospects for a negotiated settlement in Namibia increasingly bleak."

But in a letter to U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young explaining why the guerrilla delegation would not attend the talks, Mr. Nujoma said SWAPO "wishes still for an acceptable negotiated settlement."

The Western five took some comfort from that and said they would pursue their efforts.

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim expressed concern at the turn of events and called in Mr. Gurirab to discuss the situation.

Some diplomats privately voiced fears that South Africa, pressing for quick implementation of the Western proposals, might go ahead with a so-called internal settlement, which took no account of SWAPO's demands.

This would not only lead to stepped-up guerrilla warfare, but also the possible involvement of Angola-based Cuban forces on the side of SWAPO, these diplomats said.

U.K. government will not resign

LONDON, May 9 (R). — Britain's Labour government today faced loud demands for its resignation in the wake of the worst parliamentary defeat since it was formed four years ago.

Labour was last night defeated by eight votes on its taxation programme, part of the finance bill, which forms the backbone of government strategy.

Chancellor of the Exchequer (Finance Minister) Denis Healey immediately made it clear that the government would not resign.

But the vote will increase speculation that Labour, now in an overall minority of eight in the House of Commons, will call a general election this autumn.

Conservative Finance Spokesman Geoffrey Howe said later: "A government unable to decide its taxation policy has no right to stay in office. Only a char-

latan would remain in office in the face of this vote."

The humiliating defeat came when the 13 Liberal Party members of parliament, in spite of a pact supporting Labour, combined with other opposition parties to force through a cut in the basic rate of income tax from 34 to 33 per cent.

Mr. Healey must now bring in other measures to raise the £370 million (\$660 million) of lost revenue.

He faces the prospect of another possible defeat tomorrow when both Conservatives and Liberals are expected to press for cuts in higher income tax rates.

He warned that tax cuts could spoil Britain's chances of keeping down inflation, and said he might raise the lost revenue through increases in company tax and levies on employers -- both of which would hit traditional Conservative voters harder than

mail, a University of Michigan student, accused in separate trials of working for or being members of Palestinian organisations.

The Supreme Court has rejected her appeal to reduce Miss Fleener's five-year sentence and she is preparing a clemency plea to the president. Mr. Esmail's trial has been adjourned, but Mrs. Langer has already lost a battle to have his alleged confession invalidated.

Red-haired Mrs. Langer, 47, is an advocate of Palestinian rights, both inside and outside the court. After one raucous session of Sami Esmail's trial she told reporters: "I am unpopular because I defend an unpopular cause."

The prosecutor, Sara Sirota, interjected: "Your impertinence to the judges would get you killed in America and certainly in Russia. You use every pretext to wage battle against the state of Israel."

Respected jurists who refuse to be named say Mrs. Langer is a good but not brilliant attorney. They claim her arguments occasionally sink into provocative rhetoric.

"I have been on the verge of contempt of court many times," Mrs. Langer admits. "The truth is I respect the court. But sometimes I feel there is a wall between me and the judges."

Labour.

Mr. Healey made it clear that even another defeat tomorrow would not be considered a resigning issue: "We are not a government of quitters," he said in a radio interview.

"We would not have survived so long as a government without a majority if we had been."

Polisario wants France out

ALGIERS, May 9 (R). — The Polisario guerrilla front today called on United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to stop France's armed intervention in the conflict over the Western Sahara.

Polisario General Secretary Mohammad Abdul Aziz said in a message to Dr. Waldheim: "The U.N. cannot stand back from this flagrant violation of its Charter and watch genocide committed against the heroic Saharawi people."

French Jaguar jets struck at a column of Polisario guerrillas last week 200 kms. from Mauritania's Zouerate iron-ore mines, destroying at least seven jeeps according to French officials. The Polisario is fighting a desert war against Morocco and Mauritania, who took control of the Western Sahara from Spain.

King Khaled in Belgium



King Baudouin of Belgium (right, in the uniform of an air force general) walks with King Khaled of Saudi Arabia (left) upon the latter's arrival at Brussels Airport for a three-day official visit on Monday. The two monarchs are accompanied by an unidentified Saudi official. King Khaled is returning a state visit to Riyadh two years ago by King Baudouin. (AP wire-photo)

WHO reveals health abuses in Israeli-held Arab territories

GENEVA, May 9 (R). — A special committee of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which recently visited the Israeli-occupied territories, has reported that prisons there were overcrowded and that Israeli doctors earned twice as much as their Arab counterparts.

The three-man committee -- comprising WHO delegates from Senegal, Romania and Indonesia -- said it appeared that Israeli occupation was "inhibiting the exercise of normal life" among the citizens



of the territories.

But it said the absence of statistical records had prevented it from reaching a conclusion on the state of mental health in the territories.

The report, which will be discussed at the WHO's Annual

Assembly which opened yesterday, said there was only one psychiatric hospital at Bethlehem, for all the occupied territories.

"The salary of Arab doctors in the occupied territories visited represents about 50 per cent of the remuneration of Israeli doctors," it added.

The Israeli authorities had finally allowed the three-man WHO committee to visit jails and hospitals in the occupied territories for two weeks last month.

The WHO assembly resolved several years ago to send the committee but the Israeli refusal. Then, two years ago, allowed the three committee members to visit the territories separately.

The three WHO delegates then drew up a joint report to the 1978 assembly but Arab delegates to the assembly rejected it as inconclusive because the committee had not been allowed into the territories together.

Last month's visit was the first to the occupied territories by all three committee members together.

Guerrillas raid Rhodesian hotel

SALISBURY, May 9 (R). — Guerrillas entered a luxury hotel in eastern Rhodesia last night and opened fire at guests, killing two white women, a spokesman for Combined Operations here said today.

Two other women and a man, all white, were injured in the attack on the four-star Montclair Casino Hotel at Juliusdale, he said.

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